

YEARDSLEY-CUM-WHALEY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

OF

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To the
Chairman and Members of the Yeardsley-cum-Whaley
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

District formed in 1863.

Area of district (exclusive of area covered by water)
1323 acres.

Assessable value for the General District Rate
is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Property assessed at full	5956	8	0
do. (1638 15 0) assessed			
at $\frac{1}{4}$...	409	13	9
	£6366	1	9

Population at Census (1901), 1487

Number of inhabited houses (1901), 335.

Average number of persons per house (1901), 4.43.

Estimated population at end of 1908, 1611.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1908, 373.

New houses built and inhabited during 1908, 2.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

There have been 32 births registered during the year, which gives a birth-rate of 19.2 per thousand.

The number of deaths registered in the district is 25, and there was one death of an inhabitant of the district which occurred at Stockport Infirmary, giving a death-rate of 16.1 per thousand. No deaths of strangers have occurred during the year.

For the preceding ten years the average birth-rate was 24.6 per thousand and the death-rate 13.9 per thousand.

There have been only two deaths of infants under one year of age, giving an infantile mortality of 62.5 per thousand of births registered. This is a marked improvement on 1907 when the death rate of infants under one year of age was 187.5 per thousand of births registered.

The average infant mortality for the preceding ten years was 105.1 per thousand.

The causes of deaths in your district during the year may be classified as:—Phthisis, 2; Cancer, 2; Bronchitis, 2; Pneumonia, 3; Premature Birth, 1; Accidents, 2; Senile Decay, 3; Cerebral Hæmorrhage, 5; Diabetes, 2; Nephritis, 1; Convulsions, 1; Spastic Paralysis, 1; Hypertrophy of Liver, 1.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The district was very free from infectious diseases during the first nine months of the year. Only two cases of Scarlet Fever, both of which occurred in one house, were notified during that period, and one case of Erysipelas.

In October, some cases of Scarlet Fever were notified in the adjoining district, and towards the end of the same month, a few cases occurred in your district. From this time to the end of the year, seven cases were notified, five of which occurred in one house. In six cases it was found impossible to isolate the children at home, so they were removed to Isolation Hospitals—five being sent to Chinley and one to Hyde. All the cases were of a mild type, and all the children affected attended the same School and belonged generally to the Infant Department.

No case of Typhoid Fever has occurred in your district for twelve years.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the district continues satisfactory as regards quality, and is sufficient in quantity to satisfy all ordinary requirements.

The water supply to three houses at Furness Vale known as “Roberts’ Pump,” was considered unfit for domestic purposes. Samples were taken and analysed and the analyst reported as follows :—

“The high yield of organic ammonia, and the presence of organic bodies along with nitrates and nitrites, indicate serious organic contamination.”

The owner of the property was notified, and the houses have since been connected with the Council’s Water Supply.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.

All the factories and workshops have been inspected from time to time, and were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ORDERS.

All the Dairies and Cowsheds in the district have been inspected, and the ventilation, drainage, and air space provided, have been found satisfactory.

BYE-LAWS.

The two slaughter-houses have been found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

The two places where offensive trades are carried on, comply with the bye-laws for such trades.

GENERAL SANITARY WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The district is mainly supplied with privies and ashpits. These are emptied at stated times and the contents removed. There are also a number of houses in the district which are provided with water closets. These, with six exceptions, are connected with cess-pools, whilst all ultimately drain into the River Goyt. The Inspector of the Mersey and Irwell Committee has reported strongly on the pollution of the river.

In September, 1907, a Joint Meeting of the Members of the Yeardsley-cum-Whaley Urban District Council, Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council, and Macclesfield Rural District Council, was held to discuss a Joint Sewerage Scheme. At this meeting it was decided that Messrs. Swan and Brady, Engineers, should be asked to draw up a report, and it was also decided to include Furness Vale in the Scheme and to invite Disley to participate.

On February 22nd, 1908, Mr. Brady made a full report which was considered by the Joint Meeting of the four Councils concerned, and on March 18th, 1908, Mr. Brady explained the Scheme, and it was decided to ascertain the exact population of the districts to be supplied by the Scheme. This was done, and the Estimates were revised by Mr. Brady on July 24th, 1908.

The Yeardsley-cum-Whaley Urban District Council then attempted to reduce the Scheme so far as it affected their districts, by omitting Furness Vale and various outlying lengths of Sewers, and on November 13th, 1908, Mr. Brady amended his estimates accordingly. Another Joint Meeting was held on December 9th, 1908, when it was decided to apply to the Local Government Board for the constitution of a Joint Sewerage District. Subsequently, the inhabitants of Furness Vale petitioned the Council to be included in the Scheme. This the Council agreed to do, and Mr. Brady is amending his estimates accordingly. At the present time therefore the matter stands thus:—Application has been made by this Council, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Macclesfield Rural District Councils, to the Local Government Board for the constitution of a Joint Board. Full liberty to the Disley Rural District Council to join in the Scheme has been reserved, and having regard to the decision to include Furness Vale, it is probable that Disley will join.

The whole district has been inspected and where sanitary defects have been discovered, they have been rectified. One new water closet and new drains have been erected at the Goyt Inn, and new drains put in at Mrs. Saxby's property at Furness Vale.

Nine notices to abate nuisances have been sent by the Inspector, all of which have been attended to.

CANAL BOATS.

Two Canal Boats have been inspected during the year and were found to comply with regulations.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. A. WELCH.

WHALEY BRIDGE,

FEBRUARY 10TH, 1909.

Table 1.

URBAN DISTRICT OF YEARDSLEY-CUM-WHALEY.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT,

during 1908 and previous years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Net Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District.	
		Number.	Rate*	Under one year of age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*
				Number.	Rate per 1000 Births Registered.	Number.	Rate.*					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1898	1500	36	24	6	166	27	18.0		2		25	16.6
1899	1500	41	27.3	5	122	20	13.3		...		20	13.3
1900	1500	38	25.3	2	52	17	11.3		...		17	11.3
1901	1487	39	26.2	7	179	25	16.8		...		25	16.8
1902	1518	38	25	5	131	22	13.5		2		20	13.1
1903	1518	40	26.3	1	25	13	8.5		1		12	7.9
1904	1530	33	21.5	2	60.6	17	11.1		...		17	11.1
1905	1530	41	26.7	3	73.1	28	18.3		4		24	15.6
1906	1550	36	23.2	2	55.5	21	13.5		...		21	13.5
1907	1554	32	20.5	6	187.5	23	14.8		...	1	22	14.0
Averages for years 1898-1907	1518.7	37.4	24.6	3.9	105.1	21.3	13.9		.9	.1	20.3	13.3
1908	1607	32	19.2	2	62.5	25	15.5			1	26	16.1

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13, calculated per thousand of estimated population.

